



## Policy Attachment: Interdependent Living Attachment 1

**Subject:** Ansell Casey Life Skills Assessment Protocol

### Additional Information:

## FAQs Ansell Casey Life Skills Assessment (ACLSA)

Youth 14 years of age and up are to have life skills assessment completed annually. The assessment we are primarily using from this point forward is the Ansell Casey Life Skills Assessment (ACLSA) that can be found online at [www.caseylifeskills.org](http://www.caseylifeskills.org). This assessment is based on developmental age rather than chronological age. There are two sections, one for youth and one for caregiver.

If you do not have access to a computer, the ACLSA can also be printed off so the youth &/or caregiver can take the assessment; then the FSW can key it in the computer for results. The computer will process and provide immediate results.

It is extremely important that the results are discussed with the youth and caregiver. The ACLSA website has a [learning plan](#) where needs can be addressed and there are suggestions on how to work on these needs.

The ACLSA results should be used in developing goals in the IL section of the permanency plan and a copy of the ACLSA results should be filed in the youth's record.

Please use the child's first name, middle initial, and last name where it asks for the youth ID (no worries, this is a highly secure website). Caregivers completing the assessment need to do this within 42 days of the youth's assessment and the same youth ID needs to be used.

PLEASE ensure that when you use the ACLSA, you indicate the ORGANIZATION ID - for example, if you are a DCS FSW in the East Region, the organization ID is TNDCEAST. If you are a private agency staff person such as Omni in the Knox Region your Organization ID would be TNDCKNOXOMNI. The beginning of the Organization ID MUST be TNDCS.

You will also see a place for email addresses - this is for copies of the assessment results to be sent to various people.

- The 1st email address will provide the entire report, question by question. This is sent to the primary case manager, so if your youth is in a private agency, the private agency CM will have the main report and the DCS FSW will receive the results by being included on the email section.
- The other email address spots will provide the results to key players on the youth's team i.e. foster parents, IL Program Specialist.
- Please be sure that one of the email addresses you fill out is to the IL Program Specialist.

ACLSA Website: [www.caseylifeskills.org](http://www.caseylifeskills.org)

ACLSA Levels: Levels are based on the developmental age of the youth - see website for specific explanation.

Youth ID: First name, middle initial, last name

Organization ID: Organization IDs MUST begin with TNDCS

Org ID by DCS Region:

TNDCSDAV  
TNDCSHAM  
TNDCSSW  
TNDCSNE  
TNDCSSE  
TNDCSUC  
TNDCSSC  
TNDCSMC  
TNDCSSHELBY  
TNDCSEAST  
TNDCSKNOX  
TNDCSNW

**Data Received Upon Completion of ACLSA:**

- **Raw Data:** Combination of scores to all questions in category
- **Mastery Data:** Every time response is “just like me”
- **Performance Data:** What youth actually knows
- **Learning Plan:** Specific suggestions on how to strengthen areas of need.